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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Colby

SUBJECT : Panel on DoD Intelligence Activities

1. Reference is discussion at this morning's staff meeting of the DIA cable requesting clearances for members of a special intelligence panel being formed by the ASD(I), at the request of the Secretary of Defense, "to assess the progress made in the Intelligence Community since the conclusion of the Blue Ribbon Defense Panel."

2. Attached is a copy of the 19 July memorandum which Secretary Clements sent to Dr. Hall listing the duties of the panel. This memorandum refers only to "DoD intelligence operations," with no reference to Community activities.

3. Secretary Clements had mentioned a panel of 6 to 10 members, but the DIA cable to CIA and Navy listed only five persons:

Mr. George M. Bunker  
Dr. Edward A. David Jr.  
Gen. Bruce K. Holloway, USAF Ret.  
Vadm David C. Richardson, USN Ret.  
The Honorable Elliott L. Richardson

It is understood there are several other members, including General Don Bennett, USA Ret., and Dr. Al Flax, President of the Institute of Defense Analysis.

4. Admiral Rectanus has requested that the Director DIA and Service intelligence chiefs meet with him on 1 October to discuss progress which has been made since the Blue Ribbon Panel report of July 1970 as preliminary to the deliberations of the new panel.

5. There is speculation in the Pentagon that Mr. Clements may have in mind that the DoD panel can pull together something which the DoD would have available for comparison with whatever the on-going PFIAB study on the Intelligence Community may report.



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Attachment: a/s

Dep Sec of Defense Memo 19 Jul